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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2013 - 492	
12	CHRISTIAN SAN VICENTE TALLARA	ACCUSATION	
13	25320 Clarke Street Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381		
14	Registered Nurse License No. 784510		
15	Respondent.		
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17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PARTIES</u>		
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her		
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of		
21	Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about September 28, 2010, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered		
23	Nurse License Number 784510 to Christian San Vicente Tallara (Respondent). The Registered		
24	Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and		
25	will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.		
26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following		
28	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated		
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### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 490 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- 5. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
  - 6. Section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act] or regulations adopted pursuant to it.

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"(f)	Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications
functions, ar	nd duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be
conclusive e	vidence thereof"

7. Section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

# **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444 states, in pertinent part:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

# COST RECOVERY

9. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2761, subdivision (f) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, Section 1444, in that Respondent has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered nurse. On or about November 16, 2011, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 273.5, subdivision (a) [inflict corporal injury on spouse] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Christian San Vicente Tallara* (Super. Ct. 2011, No. 1NW03789). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 10 days in Los Angeles County Jail, placed him on

three years probation, and ordered him to complete a 52-week domestic violence counseling program, among other terms and conditions. During the sentencing, Respondent admitted liability to make restitution to the victim, but disputed the amount. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are as follows:

11. On or about November 13, 2011, Respondent and his wife had a verbal argument. Respondent's wife told a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy that Respondent grabbed her by both arms, pulled her away from the front door as she was trying to leave, and slapped her on the face three times and hit her in the back when she attempted to run upstairs. Respondent also covered her mouth and nose with his right hand, suffocating her with one hand and choking her with the other. She pleaded to leave and he eventually let her leave. Respondent's wife was observed and photographed with bruises on both forearms, her left shin and her right lower jaw line, and she complained of pain to her back. Respondent denied slapping and hitting his wife, and claimed he put his hand over her mouth only to quiet her down because she was screaming loudly. He claimed that he held her forearms to stop her from driving while she was upset. Respondent was shown photos of his wife's bruises and he indicated she "bruises easily". On or about November 14, 2011, Respondent was arrested for a violation of Penal Code section 273.5, subdivision (a) [inflict corporal injury on spouse] and taken into custody.

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Unprofessional Conduct)

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2761, subdivisions (a) and (d), in that on or about November 13, 2011, Respondent committed acts which constitute unprofessional conduct. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 10 and 11, as though set forth fully.

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### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License No. 784510, issued to Christian San Vicente Tallara;
- 2. Ordering Christian San Vicente Tallara to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: December 17, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

**Executive Officer** 

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